

# Ingham County

*Interstate 96 Accident  
January 12, 2005 2:59PM*



# 4 DIE IN I-96 CRASHES; 200 VEHICLES INVOLVED

**Cars on top of cars:** All lanes closed from Webberville to Okemos for 10 hours  
**Zero visibility:** Fog hampers drivers causing series of chain-reaction crashes



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# Massive pileups kill 2 close portion of I-96



**60 vehicles involved in one wreck on highway**  
A massive pileup of vehicles on Interstate 96 (I-96) in Michigan on Tuesday night resulted in the deaths of two people and the involvement of 60 vehicles. The crash, which occurred in the area of Webberville, closed all lanes of the highway for 10 hours. The incident was caused by zero visibility due to fog, which led to a series of chain-reaction crashes. The vehicles involved included several large trucks and many cars. The crash site was a scene of chaos with emergency vehicles and debris scattered across the highway. The Michigan State Police are investigating the cause of the crash and have issued a statement regarding the incident.

# Synopsis

- Incident began at approx. 1459 hrs.
- County EOC opened at approx. 1600 hrs.
- TTL number of Personnel: 310
- TTL number of Equipment: 154
- TTL Vehicles in Accidents: 200
- Lansing EOC opened for support at approx. 1600 hrs.
- County EOC closed at approx. 2130 hrs.
- 6 Accident scenes over 12 miles of freeway
- 2 Extrications
- 2 Fatalities
- Total number of vehicles estimated between 800 to 1000









































# SURVIVORS

















































SAFETY WARNING  
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE  
THE AIR BAG OR THE AIR BAG SYSTEM  
WITHOUT THE PROPER TOOLS AND  
TECHNIQUE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE  
NECESSARY TOOLS AND TECHNIQUE,  
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE  
THE AIR BAG OR THE AIR BAG SYSTEM.  
IF YOU DO ATTEMPT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE  
THE AIR BAG OR THE AIR BAG SYSTEM,  
YOU MAY BE KILLED OR SERIOUSLY  
INJURED.

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# FATAL CRASHES















# POTENTIAL HAZ MAT















# LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE







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# Law Enforcement

- Detroit Police- 4 Personnel
- East Lansing Police-12 Personnel & 4 Units
- Fowlerville Police-9 Officers & 2 Unit (6 on standby)
- Ingham County Sheriff's Office-40 Officers & 35 Units
- Livingston County Sheriff's Office-4 Officers & 4 Units
- Meridian Twp. Police-6 Officers & 5 Units
- Michigan State Police-40 Officers; 40 Units
- Michigan State Police/Emergency Management Division-1 Officer; 1 Unit
- Michigan State University Police-13 Officers; 11 Units; 2 Civilians
- Williamston Police-3 Officers; 3 Units

# Fire Service

- Chelsea FD-5 FF & 1 rescue truck
- Delhi Twp. FD-2 FF & 2 units & rescue truck w/ambulance
- Delta Twp. FD-2 FF & 2 light trailers
- E. Lansing FD-8 FF & 4 trucks
- Fowlerville FD- 15 FF & 2 trucks
- Ingham Twp. FD-6 FF & 2 trucks
- Lansing Twp. FD- 4 FF & 2 ALS
- Leroy Twp. FD-19 FF & 2 trucks
- Meridian Twp. FD-12 FF & 1 engine, 3 EMS, & 4 EMS coordinators
- Stockbridge FD-16 FF & 1 engine, 1 tanker, & 1 rescue
- Williamston FD- 19 FF & 2 trucks



# EMS

- Detroit Ambulance-2 Personnel & 1 Unit
- Lansing-Mason Ambulance-12 Personnel & 4 Ambulances & 2 Echo Units
- Leslie EMS-4 Personnel & 2 Units
- Perry EMS-2 Personnel & 1 Unit
- Stockbridge-9 Personnel & 3 Units
- NEISA EMS-6 EMS & 2 Units
- Livingston EMS-3 units on scene with 3 on standby

# Additional Agencies

- MDOT- 8 From Williamston & Brighton Garages
- Ingham County Health Dept.- 1 Medical Examiner
- Amateur Radio- 9 Operators
- American Red Cross- 14 Volunteers at MSU Reunification Center and at Scene, 15 others on standby. 1 ERV each from Shiawassee & Gratiot Co. on standby
- CATA- 5 Buses with 4 in reserve
- Ingham County Sheriff's Office Volunteers- 5 Victim Advocates, 2 Disabled Parking Vol., 2 Chaplains
- East Lansing PD Volunteer- 1 chaplain

# Hospitals

- Sparrow Hospital-rec'd 26 Patients
- St. Lawrence Hospital-rec'd 3 Patients
- St. Joseph's Hospital-rec'd 7 Patients
- IRMC-received 1 Patient



# LESSONS LEARNED

- **COMMAND POST LOCATION**
  - **The command post will be moved once the scene is established to a more mutual location to coordinate in-coming units.**

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## ■ EOC

-TWO EOC'S WERE OPENED,  
ONE BY MSP & ICSO-AVOID  
THE DUPLICATION IN THE  
FUTURE

# WRECKER SERVICE

- WRECKERS STAGED IN CENTRAL LOCATION
- OFFICERS MUST LOG EACH VEHICLE TOWED FROM THE SCENE
- STORAGE FOR VEHICLES-A CENTRALLY LOCATED LOT FOR ALL VEHICLES TOWED
- BEWARE OF GYPSY WRECKER SERVICES



# MEDIA

- MEDIA STAGING AREA SHOULD BE SET UP EARLIER THE INCIDENT
- EACH AGENCY SHOULD ASSIGN A PIO FOR THE INCIDENT
- USE THE MEDIA TO ASSIST WITH NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC ASAP

# COMMUNICATIONS

- INGHAM COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH RADIO SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONED FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES EARLY IN THE INCIDENT
- MSP UTILIZED 800 RADIO SYSTEM-EVENT CHANNELS FOR ALL MSP RESPONDING UNITS
- NEW RADIO SYSTEM WILL ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE